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City of Barrie

Final

Communities in Bloom Committee

Tuesday, February 4, 2025 | **4:00 PM** | **Sir Robert Barrie Room**

COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM COMMITTEE REPORT
For consideration by Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee on March 5, 2025.

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Councillor, AM. Kungl at 4:03 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 7 - Chair – Councillor AM. Kungl
Y. Balaban
K. Bagnell
D. Brooke-Bagnell
D. Ramsay
N. Shammas
T. Thomas

STAFF:
Legislative Coordinator, T. Maynard
Parks Horticulture Foreperson, M. Boyd.

The Communities in Bloom Committee met and reports as follows:

2025 COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM PROGRAM

City's Participation

Mona Boyd provided an overview of the 2025 Communities in Bloom program (CIB) including the program categories such as the International Challenge, Circle of Excellence - evaluated and non evaluated. Ms. Boyd advised that a new category entitled "Healthier Liveable City" has been added to the 2025 CIB Program. She advised that the criteria for the new category has not been released yet.

Chair, Councillor AM. Kungl provided suggestions on a number of the municipality's projects to be highlighted in the 2025 CIB program such as the City's new greenhouse.

The Committee provided feedback to Ms. Boyd and Councillor AM. Kungl regarding the CIB program categories. Further discussion will take place at the next meeting.

Ms. Boyd advised that the registration deadline for the 2025 Communities in Bloom Program is end of February 2025.

The Committee approved an expenditure up to $5,000.00 from the Communities in Bloom Committee budget to cover the municipality's registration fee to compete in the 2025 Communities in Bloom program in the categories best suited for the City.

Theme for 2025

Mona Boyd, Horticulture Foreperson advised that 2025 Communities in Bloom Program theme is "Edible Gardens" which will provide an opportunity to shine a light on food insecurity.

2024 JUDGE'S EVALUATION OVERVIEW

The Committee reviewed the 2025 Communities in Bloom Evaluation Form. The Committee provided feedback to Chair, Councillor, AM. Kungl and Mona Boyd regarding the 2024 evaluation form, and suggested working on the easier items listed in the evaluation form such as painting of the Rainbow Crosswalk.

Ms. Boyd advised she will ask for clarification from Communities in Bloom organization about thee 2025 rating categories including the integration of edible gardens, and she will follow up at the next meeting.

In preparation for the 2025 Communities in Bloom program, Tammie Maynard, Legislative Coordinator will incorporate all the recommendations from the 2024 Communities in Bloom evaluation form into a working document.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:06 p.m.

CHAIRMAN